

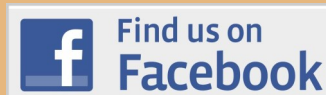


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HIGHLIGHTS

NEW DHSS OPIOIDS WEBSITE

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has created a new comprehensive opioids [website](#). In 2016, 1 in every 66 deaths in 2016 was due to an opioid or heroin overdose. The opioid epidemic affects all genders, races, and many age groups in both rural and urban geographies. The new website contains extensive data, maps, charts, and infographics. DHSS has also partnered with the [MO HOPE Project](#) to help provide education and resources. DHSS has scheduled [Opioid Summits](#) across the state for individuals interested in learning about efforts in combatting the opioid crisis and how to bring awareness to communities across the state. Registration for each location opens approximately one month prior to the event. Please share with partners who also may be interested in learning about Missouri's efforts to combat opioids. For more information, please contact Kimberley Sprenger at Kimberley.Sprenger@health.mo.gov.

SEPTEMBER IS INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month! Missouri's infant mortality rate is 6.1 per 1,000 live births (2014) compared to the United States at 5.82 per 1,000. Some places in Missouri experience an even higher infant mortality rate! In 2014, Missouri lost approximately 458 infants, which translates to 18 classrooms of kindergartners! Please visit <https://vimeo.com/155442704> to learn how "Hope Is Not Enough" when it comes to our future generations.

SEPTEMBER IS NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH

September is Newborn Screening Awareness month! Having a baby is an exciting event and the amount of information that you receive can feel overwhelming. Make sure to ask your healthcare providers about newborn screening now, so that you know the facts! Newborn screening education should begin prenatally and continue to be reinforced throughout the pregnancy and postnatally. When parents are educated about newborn screening, they can take a more active role in the health and well-being of their children. To learn more about newborn screening, please visit <http://health.mo.gov/newbornscreening>.

SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

A Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit from the George Washington University is available by clicking [here](#). See pages 5 to 8 for sample tweets and Facebook posts for patients. This reminder is brought to you by The Missouri Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the [Missouri Cancer Consortium](#).

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- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
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- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

SEPTEMBER IS SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

Sickle Cell Trait (SCT) isn't a form of sickle cell disease (SCD) and doesn't usually cause health problems. SCT occurs when a normal hemoglobin gene is inherited from one parent and the sickle hemoglobin gene is inherited from the other parent resulting in the carrier state. SCT affects one in 12 African Americans and is also found in people of Mediterranean, Latin American, and Middle Eastern ancestry. Many people who are carriers of the sickle gene aren't aware of their status. The importance of knowing your trait status is for planning future children. If both parents have SCT, there is a 25% (1 in 4) chance that their child will have SCD. SCT can be diagnosed with a simple blood test. If parents are unaware of their status, they should talk with their health provider about getting tested. For additional information, please click [here](#).

SEPTICSMART WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 18 – 22

Help kick off SepticSmart week! This is an annual event helping homeowners and communities learn about their septic systems, and the importance of proper care and maintenance. When septic systems are not maintained, you may be risking your family's health, potentially polluting the environment, and flushing thousands of dollars down the drain. Get geared up with us for SepticSmart week. Please learn more by clicking [here](#) or contact the Department of Health and Senior Services Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program at 573-751-6095.

RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL MEDICINE ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month. A social media campaign packaged for easy use, links to a toolkit, and prevention strategies for broader community efforts can be found by clicking [here](#).

2015 EPIDEMIOLOGIC PROFILE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

The 2015 Epidemiologic Profile of Viral Hepatitis in Missouri is now available at <http://health.mo.gov/data/hivstdaids/data.php>. This document was designed to increase public and professional awareness of hepatitis C and to drive policies for viral hepatitis prevention, care, and planning. The purpose of the profile is to document, interpret, and frame the dimensions and impact of the epidemic in local terms that can be used to heighten awareness and drive decision making. The development of this new profile was funded in part by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) grant *Building State/Territorial Health Department Capacity to Develop and Utilize Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profiles*. For more information, please contact the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis at 573-751-6439 or the Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics at 573-526-5271.

NEW INSECT REPELLENT RESOURCES FOR FALL OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS

As the weather cools, more of us will be spending time outdoors and possibly coming into contact with disease-carrying ticks. Fall is especially popular for outdoor activities such as picnics or walking through the woods. Please check out two new tick bite awareness fliers that remind us to wear repellent year round and to be extra careful in the warmer months (April - September) when ticks are most active. Please order the new "[Don't Let a Tick Make You Sick](#)" #455 and "[Avoiding Ticks](#)" #458 using the online order [form](#). Also, please look at the mosquito bite prevention materials since late summer/early fall is when most human cases of West Nile virus infection occur. Remember, mosquitoes can be active until the first hard frost! For more information, please contact the Office of Veterinary Public Health at 573-526-4780 or DHSS.OVPH@health.mo.gov.

CHILD CARE SANITATION INSPECTION REIMBURSEMENT

The last day of the billing fiscal year is **September 30**. Local public health agencies are encouraged to submit their reimbursement requests as soon as possible. Reimbursement requests for September and any previous months must be received by Environmental Child Care (ECC) no later than **October 10**. Requests submitted after this date may not be payable. If you have concerns about getting your reimbursement requests to us by October 10, please contact Breanna Werdehausen immediately at eccprogram.lphas@health.mo.gov.

MISSOURI MILK, FOOD, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION MERGER

The Merger Committee of the Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association and the Missouri Environmental Health Association has finalized a plan of merger for the two organizations. The plan of merger may be found at www.mmfeha.org/meha. The plan will be placed before the membership in attendance for a vote at the annual business meeting on Thursday, October 5. Members should be prepared to cast a ballot on the plan of merger at that time. The plan of merger will be open for discussion and vote. Please see the [MEHA conference agenda](#).

MICH LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Missouri Institute for Community Health's (MICH) new website is available at www.michweb.org. You'll find information about the new standards and accreditation process, resources, research, and other services available through MICH. If the old website is popping up when you enter the web address, try refreshing the page or reloading the page on your browser. If you need any assistance, please contact Dennis@michweb.org or janet@michweb.org.

CONNECT WITH ME CARDS

The Adolescent Health Program has created a deck of conversation cards for parents, guardians, or anyone who works with youth. The Connect with Me cards are designed to help adults start meaningful conversations with teens. The cards include topics ranging from technology, development, mental health, and body image. The Connect with Me cards are a great tool to strengthen the connections and help start meaningful conversations between youth and adults. To learn more or order a free set of cards, please visit health.mo.gov/connect. For more information about the Connect with Me Campaign, please contact Andra Jungmeyer at andra.jungmeyerr@health.mo.gov.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Annual WIC Retailer Newsletter
- JOB POSTING: WIC Clerk - Platte County Health Department
- JOB POSTING: Nutritionist - City of St. Joseph Health Department

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

DHSS has no new job opportunities or news to share this week.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

DESIGNING PROGRAMS FOR RESULTS WORKSHOPS – September and October

"Designing Programs for Results" is a two-day interactive workshop focused on designing effective programs that produce measurable outcomes. Topics covered include defining the health need, gathering data, establishing objectives, and evaluation. Presented in a relaxed, conversational manner by The Grantsmanship Center and sponsored by the Foundation for Health. The cost is \$50 per person (normally \$625) and includes breakfast and lunch both days PLUS a copy of *Grantsmanship: Program Planning & Proposal Writing* (a \$45 value). The workshops are being held in St. Louis, Columbia, and Springfield and are limited to 25 participants. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

DHSS OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES TRAININGS

Please click [here](#) for the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Office of Human Resources training course descriptions and schedule for July through December. Five seats will be reserved for Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) staff, and any other registrants will be placed on a waiting list. To reserve a seat, please contact Human Resources at HumanResourcesTraining@health.mo.gov.

ENROLL IN CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT ECHO

Show-Me ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) at the University of Missouri is offering an education program to improve care for patients with chronic pain. The [Chronic Pain Management ECHO](#) integrates medical, pharmacological, psychological, and physical therapy solutions into the treatment of patients in rural and underserved urban settings. ECHO uses videoconferencing to connect an interdisciplinary team of experts with primary care providers. They collaborate in case-based learning sessions to help primary care providers develop advanced skills and best practices, which in turn increases the availability and quality of patient care. Enrollment is occurring now for sessions that will begin **September 7**. To learn more and to register, please click [here](#). No cost continuing medical education (CME) for health care professionals is available.

ANNUAL JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE – September 25 - 27

Please [register](#) now for the 2017 Joint Public Health Conference! This year's conference, "Taking Action for a Healthier Missouri Now" is presented by:

- Missouri Public Health Association,
- Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies,
- Missouri Institute for Community Health, and
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The annual conference will be held from September 25 to 27 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia. DON'T MISS IT! Please [register](#) now!

MISSOURI BOARD OF CERTIFICATION – October 3

The Missouri Certified Environmental Health Specialist (CEHS) exam and a free review session will be offered on October 3 as a pre-conference workshop the day before the Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Conference. The deadline to sign up is **September 19**. Please contact Lisa Brenneman, MO Cert Board Secretary/Treasurer, at lbrenneman@springfieldmo.gov. There are scholarships for both the Missouri exam and National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) exam. Please check our [webpage](#) for details. Look for our exhibit booth at the MEHA conference. We'll be there to answer questions or update paperwork. You may talk to us about volunteering on the Cert Board too! If you don't catch us at the conference, please visit www.mmfeha.org, hover over "MO Board of Certification" on left-hand side, and click on "Resources of the Board of Certification". The exam applications, scholarship applications, exam study guide, renewal applications, and continuing education unit (CEU) submission forms can be found here, as well as links for the NEHA Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)/Registered Sanitarian (RS) exam.

MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING - October 4 - 6

The Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Annual Educational Conference will be held at the Inn at Grand Glaize on October 4 to 6. **Early bird registration closes September 25**. The MEHA conference is a great opportunity to connect with other environmental health professionals and learn about emerging issues in the environmental field. Please click [here](#) for registration and more information on scholarship opportunities and award applications.

MNPH SOUTHWEST REGION MEETING – October 6

The next meeting of the Missouri Nurses for Public Health (MNPH) Southwest Region will be Friday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Council of Churches Building, 627 N. Glenstone Avenue in Springfield. This meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. with registration open at 9:30 a.m. All nurses are welcome! Speakers from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Special Health Care Needs will be discussing their programs; and a Crosslines community resource specialist will be providing information about their services, as well as a tour of their facility. Come ready to bid on items at our annual silent auction! The proceeds will benefit the community resource fund at Crosslines. Lunch will be provided for \$5 (sub sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and a drink). Please RSVP to Shelby Sears at ssears@springfieldmo.gov by Friday, **September 29** to let us know you are coming and if you will be purchasing lunch. We look forward to seeing you!

8TH ANNUAL HEALTH LITERACY MEDIA AND HEALTH LITERACY KANSAS 2017 SUMMIT – October 25 - 26

Please join us in Kansas City on October 25 and 26 for the 8th annual Health Literacy Media and Health Literacy Kansas 2017 Summit. Hundreds of health professionals will gather to build health literacy skills, take part in panel discussions, and learn from state and national leaders in health literacy. The event includes workshops on October 25 and the summit on October 26, both of which will be held at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City. Join us for this fun opportunity to learn and network! [RSVP](#) today! Check out the full conference [schedule](#). We've applied for approval of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Missouri social workers and Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) who attend the summit, a workshop, or both. Please check back soon for updates! For more information regarding contact hours, please contact Jesús Quiñones at 314-361-9400 or jquinones@healthliteracy.media.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY PLANNER – Butler County Health Department

The Butler County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Community Planner. The Planner will work within the Building Communities for Better Health Program to empower communities to work collaboratively to improve chronic disease related health outcomes. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#). Deadline for applications is **October 4**.

WIC CLERK - Platte County Health Department

The Platte County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time WIC Clerk. This position is responsible for helping to determine eligibility of WIC participants by performing income assessment, and obtaining and entering participant information. Other duties but not limited to, include answering phones, scheduling, and basic office duties. Strong customer service skills are required. This position requires a high school diploma or equivalent. Office, computer, and WIC experience is preferred. Please submit cover letter and resume to WIC Coordinator, Platte County Health Department, 201 East Street, Parkville, MO 64152 or fax to 816-587-6028. The Platte County Health Department is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR – St. Charles County Public Health Department

The St. Charles County Public Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Educator. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE I – St. Charles County Public Health Department

The St. Charles County Public Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Nurse I. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE EDUCATOR – St. Charles County Public Health Department

The St. Charles County Public Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Nurse Educator. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

OFFICE SUPPORT ASSISTANT/IMMUNIZATION BILLER - St. Francois County Health Center

The St. Francois County Health Center seeks candidates for a full-time Office Support Assistant. The Assistant is responsible for compiling and filing claims with processing payments from government and commercial health insurance plans and individual patients, data entry for immunization clinics, and other clerical duties as assigned. The Assistant also serves as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance Officer and is responsible for assuring Health Center staff are compliant with the HIPAA. Please visit <http://sfchc.org/about-us/employment/> to review the full job description and requirements. Please submit resumes to Jessica McKnight, Director, at Jessica.mcknight@sfchealth.org. For more information, please call 573-431-1947 ext. 125. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. The St. Francois County Health Center is an equal opportunity employer.

c: Dr. Randall Williams, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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